



Mr. Pannell's talk about togetherness.



Grace Chapel Volleyball Trophy accepted by team captain.



No. (24) pumps one in for Harlem.



Youth play TV version of Newlyweds.

Posten, James Are Named

by Mike Pierrie
The City Council is now at full strength again since the two vacant seats of councilmen Austin and Kleinfelder were filled by newly elected Councilmen Carl Posten and Thomas James.

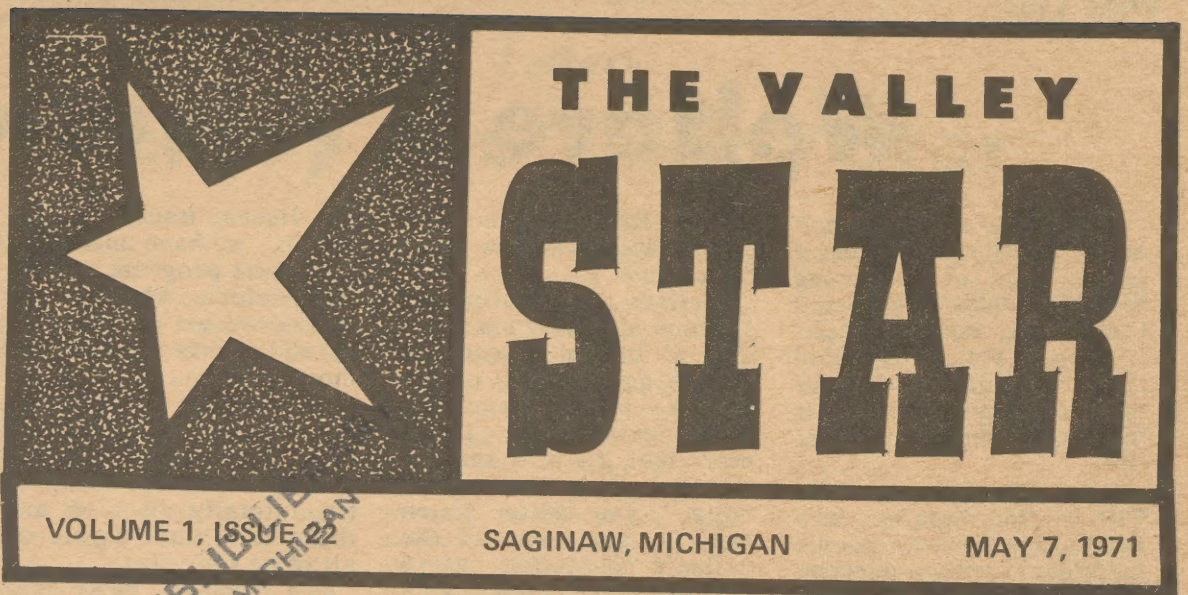
Candidates for the open seats were Posten, James, Ruben Miller and Philip Gronski. The election was held by secret ballot with

Posten and James coming out on the winning end.

After the announcement, was made the candidates were sworn in and their names added to the book. After the ceremony, the councilmen welcomed the new members to their newly gained positions.

Dr Richard Ryan head of the city health center, and

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Inter-City Youth Rally Is Held

At Arthur Eddy School last Saturday, the Saginaw Mennonite churches co-hosted the annual Inter-City Mennonite Youth Fellowship Rally. There were teens from Cleveland, Columbus, and Swanton, Ohio, and from St. Anne, Illinois, and also a traveling basketball team from New York City's Harlem, who were special guests at the rally.

After an early-morning registration session at Grace Chapel, one of the host churches, the youngsters were turned loose in the Arthur Eddy Gymnasium for a day of basketball and volleyball tournaments.

When our reporters arrived Grace Chapel had already been zapped out of the basketball contest by the semi-pro Harlem team, but was still going strong against Harlem in the volleyball. However, it looked as if GC had "two chances, slim and none," considering that the New York team looked like the Globetrotters. The games were noisy, boisterous, fun, and even a city policeman, whose presence was required by law because of the use of city school facilities, seemed to be just sitting back enjoying the whole thing.

Most of the officers of the host youth groups were present keeping things more or less under control. On hand were: Cindy Sweigart, president of the Ninth Street Mennonite Church MFY; Lou Ann King, and Gayle and Leta Cooper, president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, of the Grace Chapel MYF.

Following the games, a banquet was held, for which the host groups had arranged to use the facilities of the First Congregational Church. When the meal had been cleared away, the awards for the day's games were announced.

Taking the basketball trophy, as absolutely everyone had guessed from the start, was the Harlem team. Their captain accepted the trophy amid noisy cheers and foot-stamping.

The volleyball trophy went to the Grace Chapel team, whose captain also walked away with the "most valuable player" award. This seemed quite appropriate, since this energetic

young fellow had played most of the game three feet off the floor. Other not-so-serious awards went to the "group that came the farthest," (New York, naturally) and "the biggest feet," which went to an unidentified young man whose size-twelve goots earned the most enthusiastic cheers of the evenings.

After an amusing version of "The Newlywed Game," adapted for steady couples, the main speaker was introduced. He was Mr Richard Pannell, coach and all-around leader of the much-honored traveling basketball team from Harlem.

Mr Pannell's talk was an earnestly delivered personal opinion of the basic causes, and cures, of today's racial troubles. He told his audience, which was, incidentally, the most truly integrated groups existing in Saginaw, that even

though racial troubles show themselves in social, political, and economic was their beginning is inside each individual person. He talked about how things used to be in the small Pennsylvania town that was his childhood home, the hate and fear he sees in that community now, the many changes that are taking place in Harlem today, and the involvement of the residents in those changes.

Enlarging on the theme of the rally, "Getting It Together," Mr Pannell reminded that audience that there are two kinds of "togetherness;" the kind that must come first is the kind in which one person gets himself together, accepting himself for just exactly what and who he is, and accepting God for what He really is, not for the image others may have of

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Time out to recap the day and enjoy the food.



Harlem Team Captain accepts trophy.

Welfare Is A National Cancer

Welfare is a national and administrative disaster, a cancer that is destroying those it should succor and threatening society itself.

It has tragically failed those who, through fault of their own, must rely on it for the minimum needs of life.

It has failed those who want to find their way into productive lives as people individuals with a purpose and a goal - not a faceless mass whose destiny is the dole.

And it threatens the security of those whose labor and generosity subsidizes the cheats and the frauds.

The time is long past when we can simply apply

another bandage in the hope that it will somehow cure the cancer.

Welfare is costing the citizens of California more than \$3 billion a year. A decade ago 620,000 of our citizens were receiving some form of it. Today more than 2.4 million Californians are on the welfare rolls. Our state, which has 10 per cent of the nation's population, has 16 per cent of the nation's welfare cases.

One out of nine of our citizens are on some form of welfare and, unless we act now, by July of 1972 one out of seven will be on the rolls.

We must find a cure for

the disease itself. In California, we have submitted a 70 point program of welfare reform which I am convinced we can halt the spread of this uncontrolled monstrosity.

Our reform program has these four basic goals:

To increase assistance to the truly needy-the blind, the totally disabled and those who must depend on all of us for help.

To require those who are able to work to actively seek employment, train for jobs or work serving their communities, if asked as a reasonable condition for receiving welfare.

To give the recipients of Me-Cal (our state's version of the Medicaid) health coverage comparable to that which the working man and women can afford.

To strengthen family responsibility as the basic element in our society.

Our plans calls for the removal of the aged, the disabled and the blind from the current welfare structure, because they are in fact pensioners. We don't need to check every month to see if an old person is still old. We would pay them through an automated system similar to the method used to pay Social Security and use the administrative savings to increase the pensions of these citizens and add a little more dignity, pleasure and meaning to their lives.

The only way to measure the success of any welfare program is not by how many people have been added to the rolls, but how many have been removed and made productive citizens.

We intend to place employable welfare recipients under the jurisdiction of our Department of Human Resources Development to provide job training and find employment for them. Social workers who are assigned to this new effort will be judged not on how many people they place on the dole but how many they place on jobs.

We also will insist that the able-bodied participate in a public work force if they are not engaged in a job training program. They will receive the same benefits they now receive but will be expected to work on projects that benefit their community and state. There are many tasks they can perform with dignity and pride, such as helping in child care centers, supervising playgrounds or working to help preserve the environment in our parks and recreation areas.

And while every effort will be made to find employment for them in the private sector, we will insist that they participate in either the interim public work force or the job training program or they will be denied welfare assistance.

More than 70 per cent

of the welfare cases in California involve an absent father. Our program will provide effective ways to track down and compel absent fathers to contribute to the support of their families. And it will offer financial incentives to keep the family together.

In developing our program we have received the cooperation of many in the social welfare field whose primary aim is to help people. But we are being challenged by others who are building a bureaucratic empire on the misery of those who truly need help.

Some say the solution is to let the Federal Government take over. The answer to that could be that we are turning it over to those who caused the mess the whole nation is in now. Perhaps a better answer is welfare is such a human problem one of individuals, each with his own personal reason for dependency - that it properly should be administered at the local level where there can be enough flexibility to recognize these individual cases.

Saving taxpayers' money is not our prime consideration. Our goal is to eliminate the need for welfare itself. We can only measure our success by the number of people we have removed from the welfare rolls and made self-sustaining citizens - not the number we have added.



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FRANKLIN M. GARY
Executive Director

The Diocesan Community Affairs Department of Saginaw provides a wider range of programs at the parish and community levels designed to identify and program resolutions to community problems.

Examples of Such Programs Are:

(1) Project Equality - This is a program designed to use the purchasing power of the Catholic Church to encourage equal employment policies on the part of its suppliers. It will be coordinated for four Deaneries by the Executive Director of Community Affairs through offices in Saginaw to central office in Detroit.

(2) Poverty Programs - The Director of Community Affairs will work with Diocesan Officials in setting up projects such as pre-school programs, health and guidance centers, job training programs and adult education.

(3) Low-Cost Housing - Plans are underway to set

up low cost, subsidized housing for the impoverished in several Michigan urban centers under sponsorship of church-related organizations and funded with government monies.

The Executive Director of Community Affairs will be expected to spearhead this program for the whole diocese.

(4) Migrant Labor - A continuing effort is being made by the Michigan Catholic Conference to assist migrant laborers in the state in the fields of health, labor laws, education, counseling and job training. The Executive Director of Community Affairs will assume the function of co-ordination and innovation in this area.

(5) Civil Rights - In addition to Project Equality, the Executive Director of Community Affairs will be expected to relate closely to civil rights organizations and assist in shaping policies and programs within the church itself.



JOSE GARCIA
Assistant Director



Softball team getting ready for City Recreation games which will start soon.

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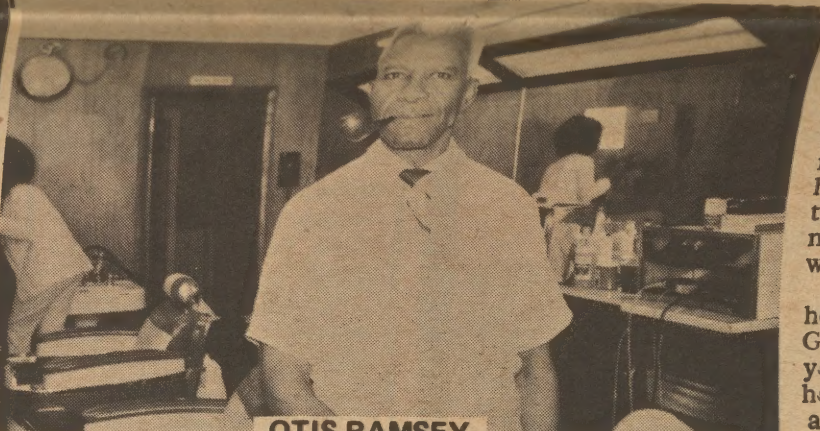
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Letters

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Dear Editor:

I would like to compliment you on your wonderful literature in the Valley Star. Myself being a black woman 31 years of age, have always been concerned with the prosperity of our race. Isincerely believe that your paper presents this. As far as "word of mouth," you may be assured I shall tell all my friends and neighbors who may not know about it, what it has to offer. This evening I called and subscribed for it myself. I especially enjoyed your article on the front page, "Enemies of the

Blacks." It brought back to me memories of a poem I wrote seven years ago. Enclosed is a copy of it from me to you.

I, by no means want to sound like a broken record, but I again want to congratulate you. I think it is a worthy cause you are presenting to the black race of Saginaw, Michigan. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Archella Nance

"I Wonder"
I sit in a dark room, with
tears in my eyes,
Wondering how we are

going to survive;
this world seems to be
absorbed with so much
hate;

I wonder what century will
be the last date.

God is the Father to us
one and all, no matter
our race,

Hovering over all of us,
in our haste;

I'm sure He is saddened
with the way we are living;

Always taking; never giving
Love to each other as He
has given to us,

Hoping we all shall unite
in His trust.



The Saginaw Pirate PeeWee Team Displayed their Scoreboard Shattering Power last week and overpowered Brucker School, 11-3.

Urgent Meet

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I am calling a meeting for all parents and whomever else it may concern. The purpose of the meeting is to see what we can do for the kids of Saginaw.

They need our help. They are hooked on what they think is real dope, but it is not, I know, because I have paid \$175 to find out what they are using.

I will tell you all at the meeting what it does to a kid's mind. I have seen them trying to get help at clinics and hospitals, which were all filled up so they had no where to turn. It is up to us to get them that place so for God's sake, let's do it. Until we do there will be burglaries, robbing and maybe killing. They are hooked and just can't help themselves, they need the money to get another dose, where is it coming from?

Tonight as I sit here, my heart heavy, I am asking God to open all doors to you closed, even your own home? For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Against spiritual wickedness in high places. We can find money and give our kids what they really need. They need our help now.

I am writing all churches to see what we can do through the church of God. For the time and place of the meeting, you can call me at this number, PL3-6275 day or night.

Sincerely,
Jimmie L. Brown
736 North 25th St.
Saginaw, Michigan

The Pap test is a quick, simple, painless test for uterine cancer. The American Cancer Society says this early detection technique could help save your life.

The lung cancer death rate among men increased 15-fold in 35 years and the rate is going up among women. Lung cancer is largely preventable, says the American Cancer Society—just stop smoking.

Inside The School

Kids Represent Houghton At Writer Conference



Conference

We hope the conference outlined on the enclosed program will attract you to Lansing on May 21.

Our intention is to develop a dialogue between librarian and user, or perhaps more accurately, perhaps more accurately, librarian and non-user. It is hoped that this conference will be a first step in this direction in Michi-

gan and that we, the librarians, will leave the meeting with a better conception of what the disadvantaged expect and need from us.

Please plan to attend, and bring as many of your staff and trustees or any others who might be interested. For further information contact Daniel Soza, Sr., 1306 Carrlisle St., 75 - 33877.

Six pupils from Mrs Schultz's, third grade class, Mr Robinson, Houghton Principal, Mrs Themm, Reading Resource teacher and Mrs Schultz attended the Young Writers Conference at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, Monday April 26th.

Our students, Donna Jackson, Cheryl Presley, Joyce Braddock, Patricia Woodhouse, Margaret Garcia and Rosa Jones, had the opportunity of meeting some 1,200 young authors representing schools throughout the state and a few from Canada.

Mrs Schultz's class followed the Apollo 14 through its many stages from blast off to its return in the Pacific Ocean. Each child wrote and illustrated his own story of this great event. These stories were then made into real books. The authors of the six books considered by a judging group to be the best from the class were chosen to go to this memorable event.

The morning session was divided into small discussion groups where they could talk with fellow au-

thors and show their books.

After lunch in Vandenberg Hall, they were free to choose three of eight special activities. The special meetings featured outstanding educators in areas of poetry, music, rhythm, choral reading, science,

art, and dramatics.

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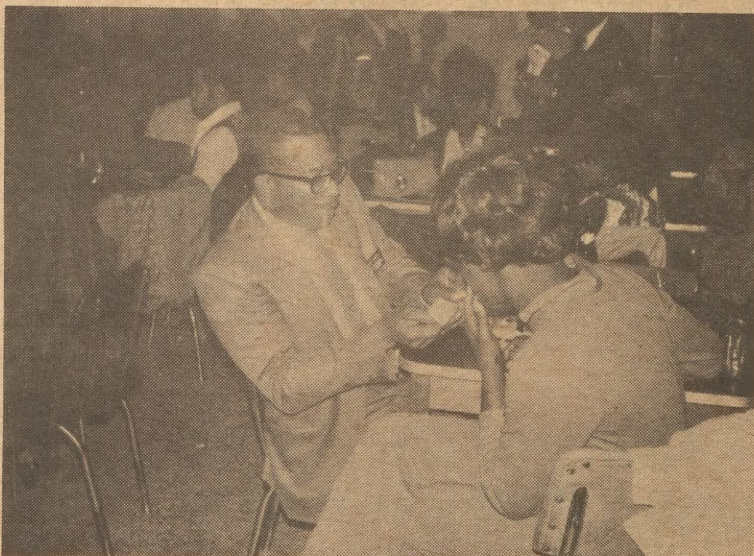
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James Moore getting it together at the legion.



The lovely lady has a smile for Star camera man.



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Harold Gets A Chuckle

Random Reflections

by barb

We live in cocoons. We are warm; we are reasonable; we are content. We

try not to look around at our world too searchingly. We have houses; we have cars; we want above all to pro-

tect what we have.

We are outraged by those who invade our privacy, those who try to steal our possessions or our money. We lock our houses and our cars and our minds and our hearts.

Through a fog of self-protection, we view death, pain, injustice to our neighbors and feel a slight twinge of pity. But then we turn away, put it out of our minds, for what do these things really have to do with our "real lives."

There is a sacred book which says "Love thy neighbor as thyself." What the book means by "neighbor" is the man, woman, or child who happens to need us.

However, there is an important idea left out of that simple commandment: If we don't love our neighbors, we will be unable to love ourselves. Love turned in upon itself dies. Love has to go out to others. You see, the problem is that we aren't very good at loving ourselves. We can do it; psychologists say we must for the sake of good mental health. But we seem to need someone else to give us a start by loving us first. The way to make someone love us is by showing affection for them.

We love our families. We feel affection for our friends. But how large is this group? Are we giving all we are capable of giving?

Or could we feel more, care more, be more?

What would happen inside us if we really opened our eyes to the world we walk through every day? What needs would we suddenly see? What hungry child would we suddenly wish to feed? What weary old lady would we suddenly wish to help with the chores of living? What harried mother would we decide to relieve of her children for a few hours so she could renew her inner resources?

These things are too simple, too unimportant, you may say. You want to change the world. You want to start a revolution. You want to influence the course of history. Not so. What you are actually saying is: "I want to be given credit for what I do." This is only human, for to be congratulated for your good deeds is almost like being loved.

But to be highly regarded by the world at large is never a satisfying substitute for the sincere love of those in our own little corner of the world. The trick is to increase the size of your little corner without losing the quality of the feeling contained in it.

Does the need for love seem somehow a poor reason for doing good to your neighbor, for helping those in need? Well, I know you are supposed to do good

deeds because it is the decent, moral, "right" thing to do. It has always been so, but the recruits to the "love thy neighbor society" have always lagged so perhaps it's time for a truthful approach. Love thy neighbor so that thy neighbor will love thee. Love him so that you will be able to truly love and respect yourself.

After all, you really don't have to travel far to find a neighbor. If you are at a loss, you may be a good candidate for the Volunteer Bureau, or the Big Brothers, or Girl Scouts, or any one of a dozen organized "love thy neighbor societies."

Or maybe all you have to do is take a look around with your eyes and your heart wide open. It takes practice; what you see may cause you pain and frustration. You may not, after all, be able to change much of what you see. But that's what loving your neighbor is all about.

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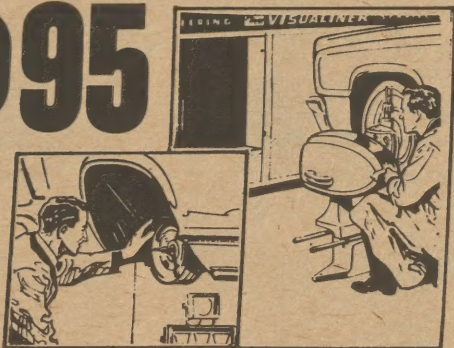
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God. Then, and only then, can a person get "together" with his own people, and finally with all people.

Mr Pannell's talk was well-received, and his talk can only be called a lesson well-taught.

The visiting groups from Ohio, Illinois, and New York lodged with members of the host churches Saturday night, enjoying whatever entertainments their hosts had planned for them. On Sun-

day morning, the visitors were special guests at the two host churches. Mr Pannell was again guest speaker, sharing one service with each congregation.

Sunday afternoon brought a rap session, which provided an opportunity for the different visiting groups to learn about each other and each other's home cities, and to share problems and ideas. A "Singspiration" service topped off the days

activities, and the visiting youth groups, now friends, were given a fond and regretful farewell, with high hopes of meeting again at the next annual MYF Youth Rally.

Cancers of the mouth afflict some 14,000 Americans annually and kill about 7,000. Early detection and prompt treatment could cut the death toll, says the American Cancer Society.

has been since 1933, reassured the council and citizens that were present that the rumor pertaining to a newly arising polio epidemic public by the Saginaw News was totally untrue. He stated that it was virtually impossible for such an epidemic to arise in Saginaw.

The Mayor appointed various Councilmen to three different committees for budget review for the 1971-72 budget.

The committees and councilmen on them are: Councilmen Loucks, Nelson and Mayor Light on the General Government, public safety, debt retirement fund and urban renewal; 2. Councilmen Kackmeister, James and Schoen on

Public Works and Engineering, Public Utilities, parking, gas and weight tax fund, garage and topics program fund.

3. Councilmen Oeming, Mayor Portem Wendler and Posten are on Public Health Parks and Recreation, community services, employee benefits and miscellaneous, auditorium fund, central stores and data processing.

The dates for reviewing of the budget will be May 13 for Group 1; Wednesday May 12 for Group 2; and Friday May 14 for Group 3, all at 2 p.m.

The go-ahead was given to lease the house at 503 N. Jefferson for the new location for the multi-purpose center.

Mexican-Americans Will Honor Ximenes

The Mexican American community will gather in Washington on May 8 to

pay tribute to Vicente T. Ximenes, Commissioner of the Equal Employment Op-

portunity Commission.

We are honoring a man, not only for his tireless efforts on behalf of Mexican Americans and all Spanish Speaking people, but because his life has exemplified the spirit and courage that give dignity and strength to the aspirations of LaRaza.

Commissioner Ximenes has a long and distinguished history of public service to his fellowmen. He has been assistant to the Inspector General of the Office of Equal Opportunity and from 1966-67 was Deputy Director of the Aid to International Development Mission to Panama. He helped create and was the original chairman of the Inter-agency Committee for Mexican American Affairs, the first Federal agency dedicated exclusively to the needs and issues of the second largest minority in the Nation. As EEOC Commissioner, Mr. Ximenes has continued his lifelong commitment to the development of equal opportunity for all people.

The reception and dinner will be held on May 8, at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington-Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Tickets and ticket information may be obtained by calling (202) 773-4146.

We invite you to join us and look forward to your participation in this noteworthy occasion. If for any reason you are unable to attend, your donation is appreciated.

A National Decline

Deaths from cancer of the uterus have declined about 50 percent in a generation. This is due in large part to early detection by the Pap test and prompt treatment, says the American Cancer Society.

Cancers of six sites—breast, colon-rectum, lung, oral cavity, skin, and uterus—offer the greatest opportunities for saving lives. Preventive action, early diagnosis and prompt treatment are the life-saving keys, says the American Cancer Society.



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